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- 2. U.S. Patent No. 2,195,622, issued April 2, 1940, entitled "Tissue Packet", of Fourness et al.;
- 3. U.s. Patent No. 3,209,941, issued October 1, 1965, entitled "Tissue Dispensing Package", of *Krake*;
- 4. U.S. Patent No. 3,265,241, issued August 9, 1966, entitled "Dispensing Container for Aligned Articles", of *McColgan*;
- 5. U.S. Patent No. 3,369,700, issued February 20, 1968, entitled "Sheet Material Dispensing Package", of *Nelson*;
- 6. U.S. Patent No. 3,456,843, issued July 22, 1969, entitled "Tissue-Dispensing Package", of *Planner*;
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- 8. U.S. Patent No. 3,700,138, issued October 24, 1972, entitled "Method of Dispensing Interfolded Sheet Material and Package Therefor", of *Nelson*;
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- 10. U.S. Patent No. 5,462,197, issued October 31, 1995, entitled "Towelette Dispensing Device for Cleaning A Toilet Seat", of *Pound*;
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- 13. U.S. Patent No. 6,213,345, issued April 10, 2001, entitled "Cylindrical Tissue Dispenser With Interleaved Tissues", of *Plank*; and

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